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Cut from \$2.00.	
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In the most up-to-date manner at Reasonable Prices
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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 14th, 1906.

WHILE there is a temporary lull in rate legislation, the Marine Committee of the House is having its hands full with the hearings on the ship subsidy bill. There have been a number of prominent witnesses before the committee since the hearings were commenced last week. Former chief constructor Bowles, one of the Navy and now of the Fore River Ship Building Co., spoke in favor of the bill. He contradicted the testimony of Edwin Camp, saying that while there was no difference between the price of English and American steel in American yards, steel was 25 to 30 per cent. cheaper in English yards than it was here. As American firms have at different times in the past underbid English ships, it looks as though they had been selling fully a quarter cheaper abroad than at home. But Mr. Bowles is no longer an officer of the navy. He is in the employ of a private ship building firm, and he naturally wants the subsidy bill passed. There were a number of other witnesses and letters from interested ship owners, saying that if the subsidy were not granted all of the American Pacific lines would be forced to go out of business. It was pointed out that the English and Japanese lines engaged in the Pacific trade received large subsidies, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars each, while the most that any of the American lines received was \$12,000 for carrying the mails. As a matter of business, it was urged, this carrying trade ought to be saved to the United States and the only way of saving it was by a subsidy. Nothing has yet been done in the way of reporting the bill, however, and it is a question whether the Speaker will ever give it a chance on the floor.

It is a matter of some interest to all the people of the United States and especially to the people of the west, that the President has injected himself into the fight against the illegal fencing of grazing land on the public domain. There has been a law formulated by the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of a special commission, for the leasing of grazing lands to cattle owners in the west at a very nominal price. The income from the leases would pay for policing and seeding such parts of the range as needed it and improving the watering places on which the cattle depend. But so long as the fences that have been illegally erected remain in place, it will of course be impossible for the small cattle owners to take advantage of the new law. The President however, has indicated his intention of giving the big cattle owners a reasonable time, say sixty days in which to remove the fences that they have erected in defiance of law at the end of that time if they refuse, to prosecute them vigorously.

In line with the law which will straighten out the fencing tangle of the west, it has been decided also to amend the laws under which western coal lands are being taken up. It has been generally understood for a long time that much fraud was indulged in to get these lands, but no one had any idea of the extent of the business till the Secretary of the Interior put the Geological Survey to work in conjunction with the Land Office to find out just where the western coal lands were and what measures were necessary for their protection. The Survey has now mapped roughly the larger coal beds of the west, showing that there are immense areas in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and New Mexico where there are great coal measures, much of it lignite but some good bituminous and some anthracite. Railroads and private companies have been taking this land by the thousand acres as "agricultural land" and paying for it at the rate of \$1.50 an acre, whereas it should have gone as mineral land at \$20 an acre at the lowest. The work of the Geological Survey has just baulked one steal of \$1,500,000 though much of the land in the vicinity had already been fraudulently taken up and worked out. Now there is being a map prepared by county and township lines showing the location of the coal lands, and these will in the future be saved to the government with a saving to the public that owns them of several millions of dollars.

There has been a great scramble among the "friends of labor" in the Government printing office to keep the printing of the Patent Office Gazette from being let by contract to some outside bidder. This work is one of the most useless on which the Government printing office is engaged

but it furnishes a job for a great many employees and to have the printing done by an outside firm a saving to the government would be regarded by the printers as little short of a disaster. The Patent Office Gazette is an immensely expensive publication and the illustrations are done outside the office anyhow. It is of use to a limited number of people who are directly interested in the patent business and the work of the office but it is the bane of Congressmen and state libraries who are forced to accept it and give it shelf room. It is quite possible if the contract is let outside the printing office that the edition will be cut down to the number of copies actually required, but such a change would be a great blow to the worthy "printers" who have for many years made a good living getting it out.

VALUABLE STATISTICS

Names of President, Dates of Birth and Also Death, if Deceased

The following table gives the names and dates of birth of all the presidents, also dates of death of those who have died. Nine of the number were elected to the second term; six serving the entire second term; three of the presidents were assassinated—two of these almost at the beginning of their second term; three of the presidents died on Independence Day; Adams and Jefferson, dying on the same day, July 4, 1826.

Virginia has furnished us with eight presidents; Massachusetts, two; Ohio, five; the Carolinas, three; New York, three; New Hampshire, one; Vermont, one; Kentucky, one; Pennsylvania, one.

U. S. Grant was forty-seven years old when elected; Polk, Pierce and Cleveland all under fifty. Our present president, Theodore Roosevelt, the youngest of all, being only forty-three when called to the office by McKinley's death, and forty-six when elected for the term he is now filling.

George Washington, born, February 22, 1732—died December 14, 1799.

John Adams, born October 31, 1735—died July 4, 1826.

Thomas Jefferson, born April 2, 1743—died July 4, 1826.

James Madison, born March 16, 1751—died June 28, 1836.

James Monroe, born April 28, 1758—died July 4, 1831.

John Quincy Adams, born July 11, 1767—died February 23, 1848.

Andrew Jackson, born March 15, 1767—died June 8, 1845.

Martin Van Buren, born December 5, 1782—died July 25, 1862.

William Henry Harrison, born February 9, 1773—died April 4, 1845.

John Tyler, born March 29, 1790—died June 18, 1862.

James K. Polk, born November 2, 1795—died June 15, 1849.

Zachary Taylor, born September 28, 1784—died July 9, 1850.

Millard Fillmore, born January 7, 1800—died March 7, 1874.

Franklin Pierce, born November 23, 1804—died October 8, 1867.

James Buchanan, born April 23, 1791—died June 1, 1868.

Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809—died April 15, 1865.

Andrew Johnson, born Dec. 29, 1808—died July 31, 1875.

Ulysses S. Grant, born April 27, 1822—died July 23, 1885.

Rutherford B. Hayes, born Oct. 4, 1822—died Oct. 17, 1893.

James A. Garfield, born Nov. 19, 1831—died Sept. 19, 1881.

Chester A. Arthur, born Oct. 5, 1830—died Nov. 18, 1886.

Grover Cleveland, born March 18, 1837—only serving ex president.

Benjamin Harrison, born Aug. 20, 1833—died March 13, 1901.

William McKinley, born Jan. 29, 1843—died Sept. 14, 1901.

Theodore Roosevelt, born Oct. 27, 1858.

SPRING MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of New Castle will hold its regular Spring meeting in the Church at Lewes, Del., April 17-18. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Bondinot Seeley, will preach the sermon on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening a popular meeting will be held in the church for the furtherance of the work of Home and Foreign Missions, with Rev. John McElroy of Elkton, and Rev. Dr. McCurdy, of Wilmington, as the speakers. The matters of importance that will engage the attention of the body are the annual reports from the churches on the Peninsula and the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Church, which meets in Des Moines, Iowa, in May.

HOUSEHOLD LETTERS

New York, April 18th.

A visit to the decorators and to the shops that cater to the increasing demand for artistic but practical house furnishings reveals many novel and interesting weaves and products. At this season the renewals incident to Spring housecleaning make these places of special interest and already people are planning for summer cottages and bungalows that are each year occupied for increasing periods. It is wonderful how attractive home looks after the renovation effected by all the arts known to the skilled housekeeper and what an air is imparted by a few judicious changes.

Carpet Suggestions

If tucked down worn carpets have not already been done away with this season is an opportune time to begin a new order of things. Have the good ones made into nice large rugs or several smaller ones that can be easily carried out doors and be beaten and brushed every week. If too shabby for this send them to one of the many good places that advertise and have them made into nice substantial rugs that should last a lifetime.

Treatment of Floors

If the floors of your house are presentable leave them bare, staining and finishing them to harmonize with the wood work. If this is not practical cover them with the new grass floor covering known as "Crex." This is a wholly American production of sweet-prairie-grass, is woven into wonderfully attractive floor coverings that come in a number of quiet, artistic colorings, the prettiest to my thinking being a soft green that harmonizes especially well with other furnishings. This floor covering is called "Crex" and is rapidly being introduced into homes of all sorts in this country and in Europe. When Prince Henry was here a few years ago the private car prepared for him was completely fitted out in crex floor covering and furniture all being made of the crex grass product. So pleased were the German guests with this novel "American" furnishing that they arranged to have duplicates sent to them and thus introduced the goods into the Fatherland.

Durable, Artistic and Inexpensive

The new floor covering costs less than the cheapest Ingrain carpet but will outwear the finest Wilton. It is dust-proof, germ-proof and easy to keep clean. For halls, stairs and outdoor or indoor living rooms that get hard continuous use, nothing is as satisfactory. It comes by the yard and in rugs of all sizes. These lie flat and smooth on the floor with none of the tendency to "kick up" or curl over that often annoys one with fabric floor coverings.

Rag Carpets Fashionable

Rag carpets are a decided fad. The up-to-date decorators show them in rugs of various sizes and many colorings. These are particularly endorsed for country houses. They can be made up to match any color scheme that may be chosen and blend well with Arts and Crafts furniture, wicker, or grass styles and are admirably set off by a Crex background.

New Draperies

There are a number of new "Art" weaves for draperies and for furniture coverings. One of these called "Anas Cloth" suggests a burlap weave but is much finer both in texture and in color. Another very artistic and useful drapery is known as "Lattice Cloth." This is very open in mesh as the name suggests, and screens well, but does not keep out much light. It comes in a number of different patterns in varying meshes, is thirty inches or fifty inches wide and costs from 50 cts. to \$1.75 per yard.

Furniture for Summer Bungalows

Some attractive novelties are shown for Summer and other uses. A dining-table hung from the ceiling beams by four heavy brass chains is one of these. It is artistic and can be hung out of the way when not in use. Quite new and rather amusing in its suggestions of possible use is a tete-a-tete chair, that makes either two seats side by side or two that are back to back. A hinge between them permitting either arrangement, presumably to fit the mood—whether friendly or the contrary. Wicker and grass furniture with convenient pockets for work or magazine suggested cozy corners on wide verandas, but those must be taken up in another article.

JEANETTE VAN RUYVEN.

THE TRANSCRIPT, \$1.00 per year.

Home Made

Have your cake, muffins, and tea biscuit home-made. They will be fresher, cleaner, more tasty and wholesome.

Royal Baking Powder helps the housewife to produce at home, quickly and economically, fine and tasty cake, the raised hot-biscuit, puddings, the frosted layer-cake, crisp cookies, crullers, crusts and muffins, with which the ready-made food found at the bake-shop or grocery does not compare.

Royal is the greatest of bake-day helps.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

The British government owns more than 25,000 camels.

Siam was a cotton producing country 2,500 years ago.

Success never comes to a man who is afraid to face failure.

Advertising our afflictions only increases their circulation.

The Church of England has an income of 75,000,000 a year.

A geographical or land mile is 5,280 feet; a nautical mile, 6,080 feet.

The new remedy for rheumatism is called arthralgon. It sounds convincing.

The Angora goat furnishes most of the hair which adorns ordinary dolls. This product is valued at \$40,000,000 a year.

The New Jersey legislature has appropriated \$350,000 for the work of exterminating the New Jersey mosquito.

"Steam ox" and "steam camel" are the names given to automobiles by the natives of German Southwest Africa.

How early people get around who have kicks to make, and what a time it takes them to come who have compliments to give!

There are forty-five states and five territories including Hawaii and not including the district of Columbia or the district of Alaska.

Burial "with the head to the west" is based on the idea of the face to the east in the belief that the coming of the bodily resurrection is from the east.

The new trophy of the United States navy is one of the most powerful sea weapons in existence. It will travel more than two and a quarter miles, or twice the range of the White head torpedo which it supersedes.

The emperor of China has a household consisting of 500 persons, including thirty bearers of state umbrellas, an equal number of fan-bearers, thirty physicians and surgeons, seventy-five astrologers, seventy-six cooks and sixty priests.

A better idea of the magnitude of the shingle industry of the state of Washington can be gained when it is known that the state produces fully forty per cent. of the material manufactured in the United States. Entire shiploads of cedar shingles are exported from Puget Sound, owing to the extensive foreign demands, not only for roofing but for other purposes.

The editor who can please every one is not fit for this world, he is entitled to wings. Human nature is constructed so that some like scandal, some don't; some like fakes exposed, others don't; some like the truth told about them, others don't. Some like to take the paper for seven or eight years and never miss an issue or pay a cent and get mad and stop their paper when they get a statement of their account; others don't. It is some consolation to know the Lord himself failed to please everyone while on earth.

There is no moral support equal to the sincere affection of those whom we honor and respect. The love and admiration of one's friends keeps one striving to live up to the glorious ideal that they have created. There are men and women who can scarcely exist without encouragement and sympathy, these wonderful soul tones that keep one brave and strong. It is the duty of every individual to pass through each day as smilingly as life will permit and to give to others what one craves oneself. There is no day so gray with clouds that it cannot be made brilliant and beautiful by the tender words of a friend or the light of a smile.

The cutting off of pay by certain railroads calls to mind the remarks of an Irish orator in contrasting the difference in fares paid by the classes in the "ould" country and America. He said: "Over there the aristocrat pays three cents a mile, the middle class two cents and the laborer a cent; and a jail. But in America the laboring man pays three cents a mile, the merchant pays two cents and the rich ride on asses."

With 11,000,000 pounds of coffee stored in one building in New Orleans, there appears to be no immediate danger of a coffee famine.

It was scornfully said when the anti-monopoly agitation was started that the next thing monopoly would seek would be to make a commercial commodity of the air we breathe and that is being done. Compressed air has within the last few months been made into a commercial commodity. It is now being sold to consumers for so much a cubic foot, the same way as gas is sold. George Westinghouse, head of the Westinghouse

company, made this possible by putting on the market an "air meter," which measures air exactly as gas is measured. The capacity of a meter is 50,000 cubic feet an hour. It is expected that compressed air factories will shortly be established in large cities for the sale of air.

In a search by the compulsory officers of the city school board in Chicago, in the Italian quarters in North Chicago, known as "little hell," for children illegally kept out of the public schools, hundreds were discovered in all sorts of hiding places. An old-fashioned wardrobe in one house yielded up two candidates for school and the overturning of a large kettle in another kitchen showed a little girl 9 years solemnly coiled up on the floor. Under soap boxes, piles of old clothes, on the upper shelves of closets, even in the ovens of cold ranges, the youthful transients were found. The inhabitants had developed a perfect system for the secreting of their offspring and at the first alarm of transit officers they fled to their hiding places.

APRIL

BY T. C. HARRAUGH

A FLASH of sun between the pearly showers.

A brighter green upon the tender grass, The first unfolding of the fragile flowers O'er which the light breeze of Spring must pass;

The brook flows clearer to the sea-bound river, A bird's sweet trill portends the birth of May, And Nature opens her door to greet the giver.

Amid the rain-drops of an April day, Down in the marsh I hear the wild ducks calling.

With here and there a glimpse of bright-bird wing, And with the tears of April falling, The first lone robin dares to o'fant of Spring;

Beneath the leaves that carpet all the woodland The eager grass is warming into life, And where I trod the mystic paths of childhood The vanished joys of other days are rife.

The gath'ring clouds bespeak the sudden shower, And for a time the face of Nature frowns, Then smiles beneath the sky the earliest flower.

And April's brook is decked with beauteous crows: A trout snufflike settles on the river To vanish ere the eye can mark its fall, And where the clover seems to charm us ever.

I hear the mother quail her young brood call.

O April! goddess of the Spring's first flowers, Thy varied moods are ever dear to me; Between thy sunbeams and thy crystal showers.

The buttercup's expanding heart I see; And while thy reign is not all mirth and laughter, It is not always clouds and gloom, For joyous May, leaf-garlanded, comes after.

And with her sunshine sets the world ablaze.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

The National Irrigation Congress will be held at Boise, Idaho, Sept. 3 to 8. Minnesota produced eighty million pounds of butter last year. That is just about a pound for every man, woman and child in America. This is a strong showing but not a pound of the butter was strong.

The department of agriculture has succeeded in developing a lettuce that is all head and weighs a pound and a half. In two years they hope to have the lettuce so developed that they can produce heads weighing four pounds that will be all white and tender. "Great," said John Allen of Mississippi when he heard of it. "They ought to send a few of these heads to congress."

A farmer can well afford to have a telephone in his house; it is worth fully the money it costs. In case of sickness or fire the farmer may save \$5 to \$50 in a night or \$100 to \$200 in a week, if far from town and bad roads and stormy weather. In threshing or shelling or any other kind of work if you are short of help you can step to the phone and ring up some of your neighbors. You can get the market report every day. You can reach the doctor in a minute or two, in case of sickness.

THOMAS GIBBED EGGS FOR HATCHING.—White Wyandotte, Single Comb Black Minorca and Barred Plymouth Rocks. EVERGREEN FARM, Middletown, Del.

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Mails close as follows:
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 5:45 p. m., and 9 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 1:30 p. m., 4:45 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Eastville 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APRIL 21, 1906.

Local News

Fresh Vegetables every day at BANNING'S.

MONTGOMERY is now making his choice candies.

Our store rooms are for rent, and the goods must be sold quick.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON Why do you pay more, when Montgomery sells bananas at 12c per doz.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN. Leave your laundry at Jones' barber shop. The best of work and prompt service.

Don't miss that old fashioned chocolate for 20c per lb. at MONTGOMERY'S.

Good Eastern-grown seed potatoes at EVANS' FEED STORE.

After Oct. 1st the library hours will be as follows: Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 P. M.; Saturdays from 3.30 to 5 P. M., and 7 to 8.30 P. M.

FOR SALE.—Pure Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs. Apply to WALTER H. SHUBERT, Warwick, Md.

House formerly occupied by John W. Jolls, deceased, for Rent. Possession March 25th, 1906. Apply to Joseph C. Jolls or John A. Jolls.

Full line of Garden Seed at BANNING'S.

FOR SALE.—Single Comb White Leghorn Eggs for setting, 75 cents per 15, \$4.00 per 100.

W. T. LUCAS. Mt. Pleasant, Del.

FOR SALE.—Cabbage, Lettuce, Tomato, Celery, and Egg Plants.

C. R. CLAYTON, Middletown, Del.

Our stock is all new, and at the reduced prices we are offering it, you cannot afford to let this offer pass.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON WANTED.—All sufferers afflicted with Neuralgia or Headache to try "Lee's Instant Relief" 10 and 25 cents a bottle.

WANTED.—Several young ladies and gentlemen for traveling positions. Write or apply at once to L. A. DREKA, Sassafras, Md.

WANTED.—Bright, honest young man from Middletown to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service, Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Strictly high-class dental service at moderate cost. Free examination and estimate. DR. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Main street, Middletown, formerly of Indianapolis.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—North Black Minorcas, Wyckoff White Leghorns, Best blood in the world and heavy layers. Prices low.

W. E. BARNARD, Middletown, Del.

Bananas 12c and 15c a dozen at MONTGOMERY'S.

WANTED.—A young white girl or middle aged woman to assist with general housework in small family. Communicate at once with Mrs. H. F. WELTON, 1514 Van Buren St., Wilmington Del.

We will discontinue business in 60 days. If you fail to visit our store during this sale, you will be the loser.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON EGGS FOR HATCHING.—60 cents per dozen and \$4.00 per hundred from my winter laying strain of Single Comb Brown Leghorns. Send for my new circular.

T. E. CLAYTON, Mt. Pleasant, Del.

Wm. Anderson breeder of White and Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns. Fishes, Bradley Brothers and Blanchard strains. Eggs \$1.00 for 15, \$5.00 for 100. Barred Rock and White Leghorn Pullets for Sale. Delaware City, Del.

If you are looking for the best general purpose chicken in this country buy a few settings of my Columbian Wyandotte eggs. I have the best strain of Columbian in America and will only offer a few settings for sale.

JOHN A. JOLLS, Middletown, Del.

The highest cash price paid for eggs at Middletown Farms.

EGGS FOR THE FARMER AND FANCY.—Standard Red Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, the best and most profitable bird for all purposes, excellent layers of brown eggs, and unsurpassed as market fowls. Write or call for prices.

C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

THOROUGHbred EGGS FOR HATCHING.—White Wyandotte, Single Comb Black Minorcas and Barred Plymouth Rocks.

EVERGREEN FARM, Middletown, Del.

MUSIC LESSONS.—I will give music lessons to a limited number of pupils on the piano or organ, at the residence of my father, E. E. Marsh, in Warwick, Md.

MISS ADA MARSH.

Mr. Harry J. Downey has purchased the barber shop of Harry Shapley in Smyrna, and moved his household effects to that town on Thursday. Mr. Downey has many friends here who wish him success in his new undertaking.

Many were much disappointed at the showings of rain Sunday morning, Easter being always associated in the mind with fair weather. It cleared, however, about noon and the sun shone warm in the afternoon.

We want your work. THE TRANSCRIPT primary is now better equipped for doing job printing of all kinds, than ever before. Come or write for estimates. Let no only-tongued agent persuade you to send your work away. We can't be best in price.

The J. C. Parker & Son Company has commenced the erection of a large warehouse and sales rooms for carriages on West Green street opposite their factory. The building is to be 32 by 75 feet and two stories, and is intended for their wholesale trade. Much of the lumber is already on the grounds and the building will be rapidly pushed to completion.

FOR SALE.—One pair of half-broken 3 year old nutes. Da. D. W. Lewis, Middletown, Del.

LOST.—Brown wallet on Wednesday, containing about \$30. Liberal reward if returned to this office or to THOMAS BRATTON, Townsend, Del.

WANTED.—Good white girl for general housework in small family. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

The Little Light Bearers gave an entertainment last Friday evening in the M. E. Sunday School room. Their mite boxes were opened and about \$6 reported collected.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 19th: Miss Fanny Jones, Miss Sadie Tibbit, Anna Calimili, Joseph Cunningham.

The remains of Mr. John L. Cosgriff, of Smyrna, were interred in Forest Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the large funeral cortege passing through our town at 4.20 o'clock to the cemetery. Mr. Cosgriff was a very prominent and popular citizen of Smyrna, and had many friends and acquaintances in Middletown.

The friends here of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cleaver Parker of Florida, have been notified of the death of their only son, Joseph Cleaver Parker, of paralysis. Mrs. Parker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cleaver, who for nearly 30 years have lived near Port Penn, but in March moved to Delaware City. Joseph, who was fourteen years old, was their only grandchild.

The young men of Middletown have issued invitations to their annual Easter dance, in the Opera House this town, on Tuesday evening, April 24th. The patronesses are: Mrs. George V. Peverley, Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. F. J. Penington, and Mrs. G. L. Cochran, and Messrs. Julian H. Ford, W. A. Hyland, Jr., H. S. Brady and Elias Shalcross comprise the committee of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary Pinder, wife of Mr. William Pinder, died at her home in Wilmington on Wednesday afternoon at 5.50 o'clock after an illness of several months aged about 72 years. Mrs. Pinder resided in this town for several years, and her many friends here were sorry to learn of her death. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock; interment being made in Silverbrook Cemetery.

Joseph A. Snydam has completed his assessment for the town of Middletown for 1906 and the duplicate of the assessment is now hanging up in the Middle-town Hotel for inspection. A court of appeals will be held on Monday, May 7th, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. and between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock P. M. in the room of the Town Commissioners on South Broad street, at which time all appeals from said assessment will be heard.

Mr. C. M. Cochran enjoys the reputation of raising the finest young horse in this section and on Tuesday of this week sold Mabel C. a brown filly to Mr. J. J. Simmons, of Philadelphia, for \$700. The sire of this colt is Prince March, 220 dam, Farmers' Pride. This colt is bred in the purple and should convince all farmers and horsemen that it pays to raise well bred stock. Last fall 'she showed the great burst of speed of 2:16, and with a little training will doubtless go very fast.

The average citizen who goes home at night to rest he just cannot rake up the dead leaves in the front yard, is always yearning to get out on a farm. He crawls wearily out of bed about 7.30 in the morning, and before he starts for the office or store he yawns and wishes he were on a farm. But if he had to get up at 5.30 in the morning he couldn't do it, and if he had to milk 'steven cows, carry feed to 40 hogs, split three armfuls of wood and carry it to the house and doctor a sick horse after working 14 hours a day in the field, he'd naturally curl up and croak. It is awfully easy to sit at an office desk and run a half section farm.

THE MISSES LOCKWOOD ENTERTAIN

The Ladies' Matinee Euchre was delightfully entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George W. Lockwood on Cass street, by Misses Marie and Julia Lockwood. The evening was much enjoyed by all. The first ladies' prize was won by Miss Adele Cochran; second by Mrs. J. Allen Johnson; third, by Mrs. Richard Lockwood; first gentleman's prize by Mr. John Piser; second, by Mr. Thomas Cruikshank; third, by Mr. C. J. Freeman. Refreshments consisting of chicken salad, biscuit, olives, coffee, salted nuts and bonbons were served and punch was served during the evening.

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PERSONALITIES

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Miss Iola Buelin was in Wilmington several days this week.

Mrs. Charles Derrickson visited relatives in Laurel last week.

Mrs. M. A. Hall and Miss Elizabeth R. Hall are at Atlantic City.

Mrs. H. N. Sevil, of Clayton, is visiting Miss Virginia E. Jones.

Miss Ada Lockwood is home again after a lengthy stay in New York.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Mr. Charles Dickerson, of Norristown, Pa., was an Easter visitor here.

Miss Mildred Patton, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Maria Nowland.

Mrs. John W. Roberts, of Smyrna, visited her mother here this week.

Miss Reba Hall, of Wilmington, was an Easter visitor at the Middletown Hotel.

Miss May Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Mr. R. B. Jones is an over Sunday visitor with his mother, Mrs. H. M. Jones.

Miss Estella Snydam, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents during Easter.

The friends here of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cleaver Parker of Florida, have been notified of the death of their only son, Joseph Cleaver Parker, of paralysis. Mrs. Parker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cleaver, who for nearly 30 years have lived near Port Penn, but in March moved to Delaware City. Joseph, who was fourteen years old, was their only grandchild.

The young men of Middletown have issued invitations to their annual Easter dance, in the Opera House this town, on Tuesday evening, April 24th. The patronesses are: Mrs. George V. Peverley, Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. F. J. Penington, and Mrs. G. L. Cochran, and Messrs. Julian H. Ford, W. A. Hyland, Jr., H. S. Brady and Elias Shalcross comprise the committee of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary Pinder, wife of Mr. William Pinder, died at her home in Wilmington on Wednesday afternoon at 5.50 o'clock after an illness of several months aged about 72 years. Mrs. Pinder resided in this town for several years, and her many friends here were sorry to learn of her death. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock; interment being made in Silverbrook Cemetery.

Joseph A. Snydam has completed his assessment for the town of Middletown for 1906 and the duplicate of the assessment is now hanging up in the Middle-town Hotel for inspection. A court of appeals will be held on Monday, May 7th, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. and between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock P. M. in the room of the Town Commissioners on South Broad street, at which time all appeals from said assessment will be heard.

Mr. C. M. Cochran enjoys the reputation of raising the finest young horse in this section and on Tuesday of this week sold Mabel C. a brown filly to Mr. J. J. Simmons, of Philadelphia, for \$700. The sire of this colt is Prince March, 220 dam, Farmers' Pride. This colt is bred in the purple and should convince all farmers and horsemen that it pays to raise well bred stock. Last fall 'she showed the great burst of speed of 2:16, and with a little training will doubtless go very fast.

The average citizen who goes home at night to rest he just cannot rake up the dead leaves in the front yard, is always yearning to get out on a farm. He crawls wearily out of bed about 7.30 in the morning, and before he starts for the office or store he yawns and wishes he were on a farm. But if he had to get up at 5.30 in the morning he couldn't do it, and if he had to milk 'steven cows, carry feed to 40 hogs, split three armfuls of wood and carry it to the house and doctor a sick horse after working 14 hours a day in the field, he'd naturally curl up and croak. It is awfully easy to sit at an office desk and run a half section farm.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ENDS

One of the Most-Interesting and Instructive Sessions Since its Organization

The Delaware State Sunday School Association met in its Nineteenth Annual Convention on Tuesday and Wednesday at Forest Presbyterian Church.

The early trains on Tuesday morning brought about two hundred delegates and visitors to the town and these were met by a committee of local churches, who made them welcome to our town and our homes.

The morning session opened at 10 o'clock with a song and prayer and was presided over by Rev. Bishop Coleman, Bishop of Delaware, with the music in charge of Walter O. Hofferker, of Smyrna, with Mrs. J. C. Cantwell, of Middletown, as organist. Mr. Hofferker is a fine musician and a leader of marked ability. The hymns were from the Torrey-Alexander Revised version.

The opening hymn was "Blessed Assurance," followed by "O, that will be Glory," prayer by Bishop Coleman, followed by the bible reading, "Greetings from the Middle-town pastors to the Convention, Rev. F. H. Moore being unavoidably absent. Rev. A. C. Day of the Episcopal Church welcomed the visitors, and said he hoped they might enjoy themselves as much in comparison to their two days' stay, as he has in the few months he has lived here. Mr. Day believes in Sunday school work, and told how different the work is now from what it was when he was a boy in the Episcopal Church. He invited the visitors to visit our two old churches, St. Anne's near here and Drawers near Odessa.

Rev. A. W. Lightbourne also welcomed the delegates and congratulated Middle-town on having the Convention here. He welcomed them not only personally but as a Christian body of people who are trying to lead the children to Christ.

C. H. Cantwell, President of the Association told "Why we are here." He hoped that each one would get all the good he could out of the Convention, do all to glorify the name of our Master. Mr. Cantwell introduced Bishop Coleman and, by mistake, called him "Bishop of Delaware." The Bishop said "What if the Chancellor can stand it, I guess I can."

"Bless be the tie" was sung by all. A few more greetings were given by Dr. E. W. Cooper, of Camden, J. C. Cantwell, of Middletown, and W. C. Gilchrist, of Milford and S. Baynard, of Wilmington.

Mr. Crosby, of Wilmington, gave an excellent paper on "The Real Work of the Sunday School." Mr. Crosby said "this would almost imply that there is a difference in teachers and teaching. Some seem only to have a good time, while others seem very earnest. I do not believe in too much talk. I believe in the uplifting of sacred hymn, but a Sunday School should never degenerate into a music hall." Mr. Crosby called attention to the great purpose of the Sunday School, to instruct children in the love of God.

Five minutes was allowed for discussion. The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: W. K. Crosby, W. C. Morris, Mrs. Adeline Day, Dr. E. W. Cooper, Ira B. Miles.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Rev. B. W. Kindley, Rev. J. Edgar Franklin, S. H. Baynard, J. C. Pyle, Mrs. W. H. Morris.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: T. M. Baynard, Fred Bringham, George D. Kelley, John White, L. M. Price.

COMMITTEE ON EX. COM. REPORT: George W. Todd, Jefferson Cooper, Harry E. Link, T. F. Scott, B. K. Woodall.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PRESS: Prof. A. R. Spaid, Mrs. J. B. Manlove, L. B. Readey, Rev. J. M. Arters, John S. Collins.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: Misses Viola McWhorter, May Holten, Helen Cooke, Mary Rowland, Lena Pleasants, Anna Denny, Lottie Jones.

CHAIRMAN OF USHERS: William Brockton.

Prayer and benediction closed the morning session.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with a song and prayer. After which Bishop Coleman read the 14 and 15 chapters of Romans, followed by Rev. W. L. S. Murray.

Bishop Coleman gave a talk on "The Teacher's Source of Power." He said "the two very important things are faith and prayer, which go hand in hand. One must pray without ceasing. The source of power is divine, and one must pray for God's blessing on his efforts."

Miss Lottie Brockton talked on "Winning through teaching," which she said means, in other words, "practice what you preach." She said there are three people interested in the preacher, the teacher and the child.

Rev. B. W. Kindley, of Seaford, told of "the preacher's point of view on teacher's training." Mr. Kindley said "if a teacher is needed to fill an important position, he is asked what can you do? are you capable of filling this position? Now, is not the position of teacher in Sunday School just as important as any other position? Is not a teacher's Sunday school just as necessary as a medical or other training school? We need teachers who are capable of individual thought and who need the bible."

Kindley's talk was much enjoyed. He was followed by Prof. A. R. Spaid, of Wilmington, "Teacher's training from the teacher's point of view." Prof. Spaid believes in promotions in Sunday School as well as in day school, and he thinks day school teachers should not teach in Sunday School. He said the bible is read in all our county schools, and of 100 teachers, he would bet six who were not members of some church.

Miss Alma Jackson, of Wilmington, (who is studying to be a missionary to China), gave a paper on "Teacher's training from the scholar's point of view," but was unable to be present. Her place was ably filled by Miss Ethel Taylor.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Seaford, spoke on "Winning the little ones." Mrs. W. D. Morris told how to win them. Miss Mary Taylor told how to win them. Miss Clara Mendall told when to win them.

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MR. PUFFER'S AUNT PERLINA

BY J. L. HARBOUR

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I have known of similar cases, Mrs. Puffer.

So have I, for the matter of that, but I never had one come so near home as the case of Aunt Perlina. She told us all about it soon as we got home from the station, and showed us some of his letters. His name was J. Lester St. Clair, and she wanted to know if we didn't think it was a "sweetly romantic name." They were beautifully written letters, as thick with love poetry as a Christmas pudding is of plums. She'd sent him her photograph, but she owned up to me that it was one she had had taken about thirty years ago. She said he had sent her his, but that it had got lost in the mail.

What I didn't like in his letters was his anxiety to know the exact amount of her means. He said that he had a chance in a thousand to go into a business that would pay a profit of fifty per cent. if he and she together could put enough into it, and what do you think? If she hadn't sold one of the two houses she owned in the little town she lived in, and brought the money she'd got for it, and taken sixteen hundred dollars from the savings bank—three thousand dollars in all—and brought it all with her to invest with "Lester" in his "business" as soon as they were married.

The only sensible thing she'd done was to plan to give her "Lester boy," as she actually spoke of him once, a little surprise. He wasn't expecting her until the next week, and she'd never told him a word about me and Puffer. It just made me feel kind of good all over when I thought of how he'd have Susan Puffer to deal with likely. Aunt Perlina had thought it would be "such a surprise" if she came on in advance of the time her "Lester boy" was expecting her and then invited him to come and meet her at our house. She asked me if I didn't think he'd be "ever an' ever so surprised," an' I told her I was sure of it, an' I had to turn away to keep from grinnin' when I said it.

And was he surprised? Mrs. Puffer shook one finger toward me and said mysteriously: You just wait till you hear it all! I felt in my bones that things wa'n't right, an', silly as she was, I was bound that that foolish old woman shouldn't be tricked if I could help it. So I just slipped out an' went to see the minister o' the mission I go to an' laid the case before him.

He was suspicious as I was, an' he said he'd call durin' the day an' have a talk with Aunt Perlina. You see she'd mailed her Lester a note tellin' him where she was, an' early in the afternoon a messenger boy brought her a note sayin' Lester would call on his "sweet one" that evening an' suggestin' that they go out at once an' be married at the house of a friend. An' if she wasn't ready to fall right in with that idea! I got a boy in our block to carry a note to the minister, askin' him to come around that evening, an' he sent back word that he would.

Then I waited for the lights to be turned down an' the curtain to be rolled up an' the play to begin, as it were. The way I looked at it we had all the elements of a good old-fashioned dramma right there. Aunt Perlina was the innocent damsel who loved not wisely but too well, an' there was me an' the minister to the rescue, an' you can guess who the villain in the play was, while Puffer could come in most any where as a supe.

She gave one of her cheery shouts of laughter before saying: Aunt Perlina got almost hysterical as night came on. She went into her room to dress up, an' a Solomon an' glory an' the lilies o' the field an' the Queen o' Sheba wasn't in it with her when she came out in a bran' new greenish-yellow silk with a lavender-satin front an' a wide white-lace flounce on this Oriental lace that you can buy half a yard wide for fifteen cents a yard. She had on a striped Turkish sash of all colors, and she glittered like a circus rider with bead pascament. She'd run more than a over to beads, and she had a big, cheap pink-leather fan, and if she hadn't put on some yellow kid elbow gloves! I guess she saw that I was kind of gaspin' for breath, for she says:

They dress a good deal for callers in the evening in the city, don't they, Susy?

I hadn't the heart to tell her that they certainly didn't dress like that in our set, but I kept my mouth shut and let her enjoy herself under the idea that she was comin' the proper caper. Puffer ain't one that gives way to his feelin's very easy, but when he see her he clapped his hands over his mouth an' made for the kitchen an' from there into the pantry, an' from the way the tins rattled I've an idea he was rollin' over and over on the floor givin' expression to his feelings. When our bell rang Aunt Perlina got all of a flutter, and says:

Oh, I feel sure that it's him—it's Lester! You admit him, Susy, while I run back to my room an' compose myself a little before I see him!

I remarked calmly that she'd better h'ist her false front up a little to the right before she come out, and that it would be just as well to rub some of the powder off the lobe of her left ear, for it was a good deal whiter than the other ear.

Then I let her "Lester boy" in, for he'd come sure enough. He was the villain in the play all right. I made up my mind to that the minute I laid eyes on him. He was a flashy-dressed chap about thirty years old, with a pair of shifty eyes and an ugly mouth. My fightin' blood was up the minute I saw him, and I made up my mind that poor old Aunt Perlina never should go out of that house with him if I could stop it, and I rather thought I could.

Is Miss Moore here? he asked with a smile that made him look more than ever like the evil one. I said that she was, and at that minute poor, foolish Aunt Perlina came out with a kind of a stage run that I feel sure she had put a good deal of practice into. She had her yellow-gloved hands clasped on a level with her chin an' she says in a real stogy way: Lester, Lester! Do we meet at last?

It was as good as a circus to see Lester about that time. I reckon he was prepared for a good deal from the letters I've an' idea Aunt Perlina had written; but it was plain he hadn't got his expectations up to Aunt Perlina in the flesh, for I heard him say "Good Lord!" under his breath, and he stepped back a little and looked at the door as if he had a mind to run. It was downright comical. But Aunt Perlina bore down on him, and stood, seemin' to wait for an embrace Lester hadn't the nerve for, and he was mighty nervy too. He offered her his hand, and said:

Why, good evenin', Miss Moore. I—I am glad to see you. She came the silliest little pout you ever saw and tapped him on the cheek with her fan an' said: Only glad, Lester? Not even very glad—dear?

Honest and true that was what she said! Well, we all set down, and Puffer come in from the pantry with flour all over his back and his handkerchief in his hand ready to stuff in his mouth. Then the minister arrived and the play was on. We talked commonplace for awhile, with Aunt Perlina so kitchin' that it made me mad and sick by turns. All of a sudden Puffer did something that set him up in my estimation a good many notches. He's usually mighty michin' or mighty sullen, but all of a sudden he stood up like a man, and he says:

See here, Mr. J. Lester St. Clair—if that is your name—I understand that you have made my aunt an offer of marriage. In fact, I've seen the offer in your letters to her, an' you've even asked her to marry you to-night, if you've got the license, and the minister is right here, and the proper place for her to be married is in my house, seein' that I'm the only kin she has in the city. So if this wedding is to go forward at all, here and now's the place for it. Let the minister see the license to see if it's all right.

Well, J. Lester he looked dreadful uncomfortable, and he hemmed and hawed some and then says: I—I—unexpected circumstances seemed to make it best to—defer my marriage to your aunt until a day or two later, so—I—did not take out the license to-day, and—

I reckoned you hadn't, said Puffer, real grim-like. When you do take it out the wedding will be in this house. That will suit you best, Aunt Perlina? She stammered and said: I wish to please both you and Lester, Hiram.

Lester did not stay long after that, and when he got up to leave Puffer and I followed him out into our little entry, and I declare I felt like patting Puffer on the back when he flung open the outer door and says:

The game is up, my friend. You will never see a penny of the three thousand spot cash one foolish old woman brought to the city. You git!

Scat, says I, putting in my ear and he scatted, mattering things I ain't going to repeat, not being a swearing person.

Well, next morning Puffer was looking over the paper at the breakfast, and all of a sudden he says: Here is something to interest all of us. Listen:

The police gathered in at a late hour last night a smooth rascal sailin' under the name of J. Lester St. Clair, who is wanted in sev'ral places for deludin' foolish women into marrying him and decampin' with their cash as soon afterwards as possible. In some instances the license minister and all were shams. J. Lester's list of dupes, several of whom were captured through the medium of matrimonial bureaus, now number five, with sev'ral cities to hear from. It is rumored that he was about to contract a sixth alliance with an unsuspecting victim from a country town when he was provided with quarters at the expense of the city, whose guest he will no doubt be for some days, when a small suite at Sing Sing will be made ready for him.

Well, ma'am, I expected to see Aunt Perlina keel over in a fit, an' I never was more surprised in my life than I was when she fairly stiffened in her chair, with her eyes flashing fire. Then she brought her open hand down flat on the table an' said: "The scoundrel!" Then she gave herself a whack on the chest with her clenched fist, an' says: "An' I'm as big a fool as he was scoundrel!" After that she sailed into her room an' stayed there all mornin'.

Her eyes looked real red when she come out, but she was meek as Moses. I proposed a trip down town to see the sights, an' she fell right in with the idea an' seemed to enjoy herself real well, an', thank goodness! she wore a real neat black jacket instid' of that red cape. That night after Puffer come home Aunt Perlina come out o' her room with a roll o' bills in her hand, an' she says real quiet like: Hiram, if it hadn't been for you an' Susy I reckon my three thousand cash an' me would of parted company by this time, so I want you to let me give you an' your wife fifty dollars each now, an' I'll put you down for something in my will when I go home.

Wasn't that real sweet in her? She stayed two weeks an' enjoyed herself real well. She's still alive, but I don't reckon Puffer will come in for much when she's gone.

Why not? Because within six months she wrote us that she had married a good stiddy old widower of her own age in her own town. We had a letter last week, an' she said they was real happy an' contented an' they'd be glad to have us make 'em a visit; but I doubt if we ever do.

As I said at first, it's queer how love acts, ain't it? Still, it'd be a lot worse world than it is if there wa'n't no love in it, don't you think?

Sweet pretty gingham dress of your little girl's this is in the wash. It's the real thing in gingham, but there mustn't be no soap go on it, an' it must be hung on the line wrong side out an' dried in the shade or it will fade in the very first washin'. I'll put it right out while the clo's reel is still in the shade.

METHODIST PROTESTANT MINISTERS

The Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference closed its sessions in West Baltimore Station Church on Tuesday night. The report of President Dr. F. T. Little showed a total increase of \$20,000 in benevolences for the year, 82 charges had met their assessments and some of the ministers had sacrificed portions of their salaries in order to meet the amounts required. The appointments were announced among them the following for Cecil and nearby churches: Cecil Circuit, C. R. Stranberg; Deer Creek, G. R. Hodge; Kennedyville, G. J. Hooker; Leeds, P. W. Crosby; Rowlandville, G. E. Brown; Susquehanna, R. K. Lewis; Warwick, F. S. Cain; Rev. J. F. Bryan goes from Cecil Circuit to Rev. J. E. Mayoy is assigned to Indian River. Rev. E. S. Rowe, of Kennedyville, is made a supernumerary.

Peninsula Fruit Prospect

A. W. Slaymaker, Secretary of the Delaware State Board of Agriculture, says he believes after investigation that the Peninsula will yield the largest fruit crop in twenty years during the coming season. The peach yield, he thinks, will exceed any gathered since 1885. There are many three year old orchards that will bear from a half to a full crop this season, orchards that have been abandoned.

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

If a girl wants to get old real quick let her marry.

He who blackens others does not whiten himself.

By saving her old clothes any woman can be in style once in a lifetime.

Tomatoes rose torpid liver and do the work ordinarily of a doctor's prescription.

A mother is justified in locking up her daughter when Miss Foolish is headstrong and crazy.

If there were no old maids in the world there would be nobody for the married women to envy.

Manufacturers of gloves say they make a No. 6 woman's glove larger than they did five years ago.

Sarah Bernhardt is again making a "farewell tour" of America, having begun it in Chicago a few days ago.

More women are holding office in Kansas, in proportion to population, than in any other state in the union.

The fact that love is blind does not lessen the further fact that those who are in love often make sights of themselves.

If good sense and good behavior will not adjust your family into society, it may be as well that they stay without.

There's many a girl who would have been saved from the horrors of an unhappy marriage had she listened to reason.

A woman will compliment her best friend's taste in the selection of a bonnet by buying one just as different as possible.

If you can't think of bright things to say, then read what clever people have written, and, after a time, you'll catch the habit.

Get a card at the public library and start in on a course of reading, familiarizing yourself with the humorists and the philosophers.

A girl who expects some man to come along and propose to her after the manner of the hero in a novel, is bound to be disappointed.

In every thousand women there are sixty-three by the name of Mary, which is the most commonly used of any feminine name in the world.

In 1900 there were in the United States 431,174 women in the professions. Most of these, or 391,453, were employed as teachers, musicians and artists.

The census in 1880 discovered but 72 women architects and designers, 165 clergymen, 61 dentists, no electricians or civil engineers, 28 journalists and 75 lawyers.

It isn't always safe for a girl to assume that she is going to have plenty of money to spend after marriage because her beau is liberal with it while he is courting her.

The girl who can sit at home in a becoming wrap, under a colored lampshade and do fancy embroidery isn't always the one who can roll up her sleeves and make good, plain bread.

The picnic life is the sweet, protected home one. This clinging on to the theaters and dinners and suppers with any young man who chances to appear is often a dangerous pastime.

The older theory does not seem to apply to women. We hear that Susan B. Anthony in her 75th year was offered \$100 a night for lectures. Miss Scudder Pratt is 85 years old and a traveling saleswoman of East Brook, Delaware county, N. Y.

A young girl cannot be too careful of her conduct. The tattlers are ever busy, and it's just as well to give them no material for conversation. You will do well to follow the advice of your mother, even if it does seem prudish and old-timey.

In 1900 there were 400 women electricians, 1,042 architects, designers and draughtsmen, 1,010 lawyers, 3,405 clergymen, 2,103 journalists, 7,300 physicians and surgeons and 828 dentists. Those engaged in literature and scientific pursuits numbered 5,989.

The man and woman who try to make their home the most interesting spot on earth for each other, and for their friends and those who are near and dear to them, have but occasional work for the club. It is to them, like the theatre, a pleasant place to enter now and then not a spot to dwell in.

It seems that wealth claims its privileges the world over. In that mysterious, far away hermit country Thibet, a wealthy girl need not have but one husband, and she may change him for another as often as she pleases.

On the other hand, a poor girl must take as many husbands as the lama, the local priest is pleased to assign to her, and she has no word in the choice of them.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives appropriating \$3,000,000 to provide for the systematic investigation and study of the industry of women and children. The New York Times says: "There are a few state reports, but they are scattered over different periods, have no common standard or methods, and are necessarily very limited in scope. The national census gives little but reveals the need of more thorough inquiry. It is ascertained that there are over 5,000,000 women engaged in occupations that take them away from home, and this class is increasing relatively more rapidly than the like class of men."

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